



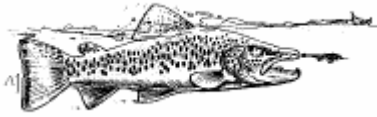
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COLDWATER FISHERIES AND THEIR WATERSHEDS

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President's Message

Greetings Fellow TUers:

Saturday morning I was over with a number of our members at the park where we practice our fly casting and catch up on each other's plans for future fishing trips as well as see what has happened during the past week or so. I am continually impressed by how this informal group of men and women are exemplary of how we as sportsmen or outdoorsmen are the true environmentalists of this society. Regardless of our political or philosophical beliefs, we, as OPTU, represent those among us who not only care deeply about the outdoors, or rivers, and the multitude of life they support, but we do something about it.

As a group we have been successful in the reestablishment of the Apache Trout in watersheds in Arizona. We are now being asked to wade in (sorry) and help the Forest Service, and Arizona Game and Fish with several studies and possible reintroduction of several native trout species in Southern and Southeastern Arizona. Jeff Collins our past president and current Arizona Trout Unlimited Head will address these exciting efforts in upcoming newsletters.

Our new meeting site at the Martha Cooper Library, 1377 N. Catalina Ave., at 6:30 pm, was a great success, and I look forward to seeing you all Wednesday April 2nd. We also save approximately \$250 each meeting by using the library as opposed to paying for a meeting room.

Finally, I will try each month to include a website that is dedicated to energy saving, conservation, "green activities," or other such important topics to Trout Unlimited. Check out idealbite.com. They are two women, one in NYC and the other in Bozeman Montana who put out a daily tip. I enjoy them and learn

something now and then. If you come across a website you think we may enjoy send it to me.

Conservation Tip of the Month and Hat Winner

H₂O for Fido

Sorry about the pun. This month's water saving tip is from yours truly. Maybe after reading this sorry attempt, we will once again start receiving the 100's of suggestions our email server was only barely able to process in the past.

Several years ago, after returning from a fishing trip to Montana and having certain rivers closed because of low water levels, I started noticing how much water my family had left over after meals, car trips, water bottles from the gym biking or running. That is not to mention returning from hunting, fishing, or camping. With 7-8 animals in the house at the time, and I am not counting children, we had very few house plants and it was a chore to take the left over water out to the Palo Verde and mesquite trees outdoors. As a result, I started emptying water glasses from dinner, and the kids water bottles into the several dog and cat water dishes in the house. This practice usually keeps them full all winter long, and in the summer, it at least helps with the frequency they need to be refilled.

DON'T FORGET

The San Pedro Flycasters Club annual banquet is Saturday, March 29. If you still need to buy your tickets, call either Pat Richards at 520-459-8111 or Bruce at 520-459-1928. These banquets in the past have been a great time, and there is a large contingent of OPTU members scheduled to attend. Hope to see you there.

Special thanks to Gary Locker, a winter visitor from Thunder Bay, Ontario, who conducted Lie and Tie this month. He was tying mostly soft hackle flies that he fishes on the Big Horn River in Montana. We had a great turn out and a good time was had by all.

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Pheasant Tail

LIE & TIE

7 p.m. on April 16th at Dry Creek Outfitters, 5420 E. Broadway, Suite 254. Call Eric at 326-7847 for more information. If any one has special flies they would like to have tied at Lie and Tie please contact John Kuebler at 885-5652 and he will do his best to accommodate your request.

GUEST SPEAKER

Jerry Estruth on flyfishing in Kamchatka. April 2nd at 6:30 pm at the Martha Cooper Library at 1377 N. Catalina Avenue.



OPTU's Save the Natives – Apache Trout

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CONSERVATION

Grassroots Activist Network

At the center of TU's efforts to raise the profile of coldwater conservation is the **Grassroots Activist Network** – TU members who have volunteered to contact their members of Congress, Governors, members of state legislatures and natural resource agencies on issues of importance to trout and salmon. Grassroots Activists receive brief summaries or *Action Alerts* of issues pending before government decision-makers that could harm or help coldwater fisheries, and guidance on how to be an effective voice for trout and salmon.

As we work to protect fish and their waters, we need your support and involvement to carry the conservationist message. To join the Grassroots Activist Network, please send an email containing your mailing address to grassrootsactivist@tu.org

Joe Fagan needs volunteers for Sport Fishing Programs!

OPTU member, Joe Fagan, has recently been awarded the contract of *Sport Fishing Educator* for the Arizona Game and Fish Department. He is in need of a cadre of volunteers to assist him with various Fishing Programs in Tucson and other towns in southern Arizona. E-mail Joe (JFaganFishEd@Gmail.com), call him on his cell phone (520-730-6398), or speak to him at OPTU meetings. He can provide you with a volunteer packet to complete. The AZGFD office on Greasewood Road (across from Pima Community College) can do your fingerprints, essential for certified volunteers. The completed form and fingerprints are sent to the AZGFD main offices in Phoenix. Then, calendars of Fishing Program events will be mailed to you. Joe can inform you of programs he'll be doing any time.

State Report from AZTU

No report.

MISCELLANY

Sharing Your Fishing with OPTU Members

Would you be willing to provide a fishing slideshow and discussion at an upcoming OPTU meeting? We are always looking for speakers who have power point or slides and stories to tell. *We have the equipment for showing.* If interested please contact John Murphy at murphy@pharmacy.arizona.edu to set up a month.

WIN A HAT

As you know Trout Unlimited is a conservation organization dedicated to the protection and maintenance of our cold water fisheries in this country. Each month we offer one of our newly designed OPTU hats to the member submitting the best water saving tip for use in and around our homes. You can submit the tip to me by email @ czhernandez@comcast.net. The winner will be notified by email each month and announced in the next newsletter. The winner will receive their hat at the next monthly meeting.

Photography Contest

We are holding a photography contest for OPTU members. Bring a copy to a meeting of at least 5 x 7 or email it to John Murphy murphy@pharmacy.arizona.edu for display onscreen or on our website. Three categories: Nature (no people), Fish without people, and "My favorite fish picture" (you and cool fish). Prizes will be determined later for the winners.

New Meeting Site

Beginning this month our regular OPTU meetings will be held at the **Martha Cooper Library**, 1377 N. Catalina Avenue and at a new time: **6:30 pm**. If you are coming south on Swan (from Grant), turn right at E. Fairmont Street (about 6 blocks down from Grant) and go 0.4 miles to Catalina Avenue. Turn left and go 75 feet to the library. From Speedway, Fairmont is about 2 blocks up on Swan and turn left. Or just come south or north on Catalina from either Grant or Speedway, respectively, till you arrive at the library.

A BARGAIN! - If you are over 70, and have lived in Arizona for 25 years you can get a Pioneer Fishing License - free for lifetime! Go to the Game & Fish office at 555 N Greasewood Road. Their phone is 628-5376. *Clay Evitts*

Upcoming Speakers

April – Jerry Estruth on Fishing Kamchatka

May – Danny Hooper and John Murphy on their New Zealand adventure

Photos

Send in photos to the editor if you would like them in the newsletter - preferably by e-mail. This is important if you tire of seeing the editor's family, friends and pets featured.

Upcoming Fishing Trips

OPTU will likely develop plans for the following trips in **2008**: Family Outing, Fall Retirees Trip, and based upon interest one additional trip to either the San Juan or Lees Ferry. Don't forget there is fun fishing in southern Arizona's lakes. It's always a fun day of fishing with fellow OPTU members locally.

2008 Retirees Trip is scheduled for 9/16-9/30 and includes 3 days guided fishing on the Big Hole River in Montana, 4 days fishing the upper areas of Yellowstone Park, 2 days guided on the Upper Snake in Idaho and 3 days on the Green River in Utah. Estimated cost is \$2200, which includes transportation, lodging, guides and food, with an allowance for licenses. The trip is planned for 8 and currently there are 7 signed on to go. Contact John Singley (318-4791) or Rob Gillette to sign up.

Lees Ferry: April 1st thru 4th. 2 boats and 4 rooms are reserved, which would handle 8 people. *Four spots remain.* Total cost will be about \$300, but will depend on prevailing gas prices. All arrangements must be completed by Feb. 27th. Call John Singley at 318-4791 if interested.

To suggest new trips Contact Rob Gillette at 615-8141) or robgillette@comcast.net or azflyfshr@comcast.net for more information.

My Favorite Recipe

I thought we might try a new column for the newsletter and will kick it off with Murphy's Secret Salmon Recipe. This requires a grill basket for the fish. It requires a grill basket (see picture below).

Put the salmon in the grill basket after marinating in Veri Veri Teriyaki by Soy Vay. I pour it over the salmon and end up with about 1/2 inch (perhaps half a bottle) in the bottom of some flat pan or bowl. Sprinkle some ginger powder over the top, flip it and add some more ginger powder. About every hour spoon the teriyaki sauce over the top. Marinating anywhere from 1 to 6 hours seems to work; stronger flavor with longer. At each flip of the salmon basket I spoon the sauce over the top. Flip three times so both sides get sauced twice. Be careful not to overcook, but experiment as to how you like.

PS, if you buy salmon with skin on one side, put that side to the flame first and then take off the skin at the first flip. It will usually come off pretty easy with a fork.

Here is the Soy Vay website so you can see what the bottles look like. <http://www.soyvay.com/>



Grill basket example

Fishing Reports

OPTU 6th San Juan Fishing Trip

Thirteen intrepid OPTU anglers headed off for the San Juan on Saturday February 23rd for 3½ days of fishing (at least the ones that got up early on Saturday had the ½ day). On Saturday evening SJ guide Andy Kim gave a presentation on the Juan and his fishing techniques. With lessons memorized we were ready to start fishing the next day. Sunday was completely overcast and cold, but the fishing was hot. The flows were at 3,000cfs compared to the usual of <1,000cfs, so wading was a little trickier and we were standing deeper in cold water too, adding frozen toes to the frozen fingertip situation. The higher flows and cold weather kept the crowd away, which is always appreciated in the often overfished Juan. The rainbows looked quite healthy and even a few browns were landed.

Monday dawned overcast but cleared up and Tuesday was sunny all day. The sun seemed to decrease the catch rate a bit (at least for me), perhaps due to easier spotting of anglers by fish or a change in the hatch. Egg patterns, red chironomids, Yong blondies, and a few others ruled most of the days, with the usual hook size being 24 or less. Many of the anglers took advantage of guides this year so the fishing tended to be successful for all.

We saw deer and beaver for a little wildlife treat outside of the water. The eating was considerably more refined this year as new SJ attendee Gary provided Elk Bourguignon the first night and Enchanted Hideaway owner Gretchen gave us calamari steaks the next day, which Gary whipped up to perfection. No waists were any slimmer on return to Tucson.

The 7th annual trip will likely occur about the same time next year. More on that later. *The editor*



At the San Juan

Rebates for Chapter New Members

Renewal Rebates for New Members TU National gives rebates to chapters for new members. If you know of someone wanting to become a new member of TU, have

them put chapter #531 on their application. This will help us receive the rebate. Thanks for your support.

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Nothing for sale this month.

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Mark Saturday, May 3rd on your calendar... our Sage and Simms rep, John Sherman, will be here for the annual Sage Demo Day. There will be casting instruction, demonstrations, slideshows and food – all complimentary. We look forward to seeing you.

Call Dry Creek (326-7847) if you are interested in joining one of our shop fishing trips. We are going to fish Lees Ferry in April, Baja in mid-June and the Yucatan (Ascension Bay – Pesca Maya Lodge) in late July. Ink in your trip now before it's too late!

HUMOR

Not that this is what the annual OPTU San Juan fishing trip is exactly like, however, some of the snoring part rings true.

Brokeback Fishing Camp

The guys were all at fishing camp. They had to bunk two to a room. No one wanted to room with Bob because he snored so badly. They decided it wasn't fair to make one of them stay with him the whole time, so they voted to take turns.

The first guy slept with Bob and comes to breakfast the next morning with his hair a mess and his eyes all bloodshot. They said, "Man, what happened to you?" He said, "Bob snored so loudly, I just sat up and watched him all night."

The next night it was a different guy's turn. In the morning, same thing -- hair all standing up, eyes all bloodshot. They said, "Man, what happened to you? You look awful!" He said, "Man, that Bob shakes the roof. I sat up and watched him all night."

The third night was Delbert's turn. Del was a heck of a fisherman and intelligent; a man's man. The next morning he came to breakfast bright eyed and bushy tailed, looking well rested. "Good morning," he said. They couldn't believe it! They said, "Man, what happened?" He said, "Well, we got ready for bed. I went and tucked Bob into bed and kissed him good night. He sat up and watched me all night ". *Author unknown.*



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- Apr 16** Lie & Tie – 7:00 pm at Dry Creek Outfitters, 5420 E. Broadway, Suite 254, Call Eric at 326-7847 for more information.
- Apr 23** Board Meeting at El Charro - Speedway and Swan at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 7** Regular meeting: Danny Hooper and John Murphy on their 2007 New Zealand Adventure. **Martha Cooper library at 1377 N Catalina Ave** at **6:30** pm.
- May 21** Lie & Tie – 7:00 pm at Dry Creek Outfitters, 5420 E. Broadway, Suite 254, Call Eric at 326-7847 for more information.
- May 28** Board Meeting at El Charro - Speedway and Swan at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited.